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HISTORICAL MONUMENTS IN AGRA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are monuments other than Taj Mahal in Agra, rich in historical importance but not getting tourist attraction;

(b) if so, the names of such monuments;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal for development of these monuments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which other monuments are likely to be giving historical importance?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) There are several historic monuments in Agra apart from the Taj Mahal which attract large number of tourists. This includes Agra Fort, Sikandra, Itimad-ud-Daula, Ram Bagh, Mehtab Bagh, Mariam`s Tomb.

(c)&(d) The conservation, preservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments is a continuous process. Special repairs and structural repairs are taken up as and when necessary. Apart from the above, Archaeological Survey of India takes up programmes for development of the environs and provision of various facilities for the tourists.

(e) All important monuments in Agra District have been centrally protected. As of now, there are 41 monuments of national importance protected by the Archaeological Survey of India in the District of Agra.